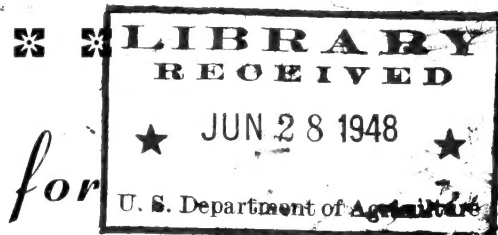
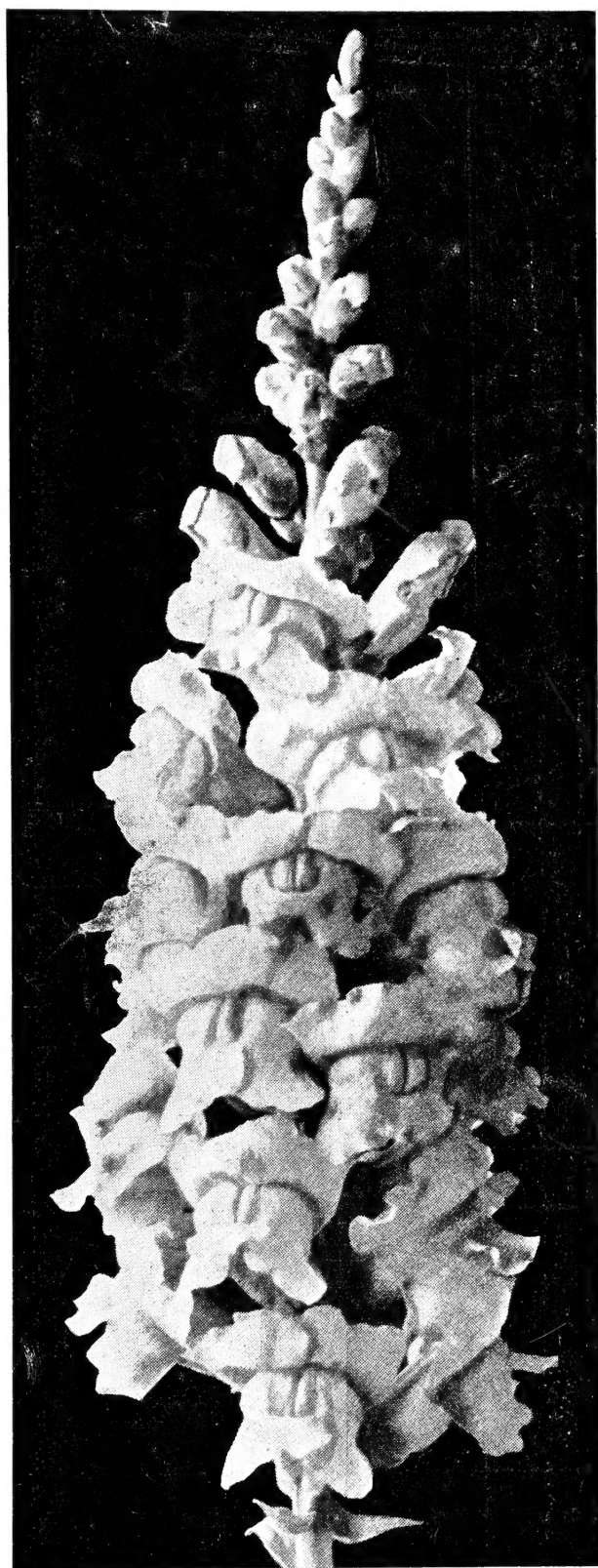


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SEEDS



*Mid-Summer
and Fall Sowing*



**Finest
Domestic
and
Imported
Strains**

Wholesale Catalogue

Geo. K.
Groff

MADELINE H. STEFFY, Prop.

746 New Holland Ave.
Lancaster,
Pennsylvania

SNAPDRAGONS

Outstanding Selections

"All Snapdragon Seed Sold in Originator's Packets."

MARGARET

(Yoder)

A clean growing Ivory White—lengthy spikes.

Trade Packet \$2.00

LADY DOROTHY

Brilliant in color. Good early bronze.

Trade Packet \$3.00

MARY ELLEN

A very popular clear pink—early.

Trade Packet \$2.50

PEGGY SCHUMANN

Good clear creamy pink.

Trade Packet \$2.00

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Bright Rose Pink for early flowering.

Trade Packet \$3.00

DORCAS JANE

A brilliant silvery rose pink.

2000 Seeds

Trade Packet \$2.50

ETHEL

A golden yellow, probably the best. Very popular.

Trade Packet \$1.50

SCHUMANN'S LAVENDER

Excellent color, and an early bloomer.

Trade Packet \$2.00

Quantity prices will be allowed—with a cash discount, for cash with order. All seed is mailed free to any point in United States.

NOTICE:—We do not warrant in any way, expressed or implied the contents or the description, quality, productiveness, or any other matter of any seeds, bulbs or plants sold by us, and we will not be in any way responsible for the crop. If the purchaser does not accept these terms, the merchandise must be returned at once, and no sale is made thereof. All advance orders accepted subject to crop failure and any other causes beyond our control. **ALL CLAIMS MUST BE MADE 5 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF GOODS.**

GEO. K. GROFF (Madeline H. Steffy, Proprietor)

"Prices subject to change without notice"

SNAPDRAGONS

For Greenhouse Forcing

"All Snapdragon Seed Sold in Originators Packets"

PINK and ROSE SHADES

	Price Per Tr. Pkt.
Better Times, early Amer. Beauty rose color	\$2.00
Cheviot Maid, a deep rose-pink.....	1.00
Christmas Cheer, originators seed-early, productive rose-pink	3.00
Dorcas Jane, brilliant rose-pink hybrid, 1000 seeds	1.50
Dorcas Jane, brilliant rose-pink hybrid, 2000 seeds	2.50
Gilbert's Pink Supreme Queen, good dark pink	1.50
La France, beautiful silvery pink.....	1.50
Light Pink Peggy Schumann, early.....	2.00
Mary Ellen, hybrid, light clear pink, popular..	2.50
Maryland Pink, light pastel pink, early.....	3.00
New Cincinnati, large flowered light pink.....	1.00
Peggy Schumann, medium deep pink.....	2.00
Schaffroth's Pink, bright rose-pink.....	2.00
Rockwood Early Hybrid Pink, good pastel shade	2.50
Rose Queen, deep rose.....	1.00
St. Louis Pink, flesh pink.....	1.50
Yoder's No. 33, medium pink	1.50

YELLOW

Carol Jean, no wild growth.....	2.00
Ethel, good producer, early.....	1.50
Frances Schlegel—new, King Alfred color....	2.00
Gilbert's Yellow, all season variety.....	2.00
Goldie, deep early yellow.....	1.50
Klondyke Supreme, deep yellow.....	1.50
Rockwood Yellow, good quality.....	2.00
Sara Lou, bright yellow	2.00
Schlegel's Early Yellow—new	2.00
Witterstaetter's Yellow—new, large florets, spring variety	2.50
Yellow Peggy Schumann, grows like Peggy Schumann	2.00
Yellow Wonder Improved, early.....	1.50

RED

Crimson Queen, deep crimson, early.....	2.00
Shisler's Red, wine red, very early.....	2.00
Schumann's Velvet Red	2.00
Velvet Beauty, scarlet crimson.....	1.00

LAVENDER SHADES

Bertha Baur, early orchid.....	1.50
Lavender Rose, excellent color, late.....	2.00
Schumann's Lavender, good lavender.....	2.00
Rockwood Winter Lavender	2.00

BRONZE SHADES

Afterglow, deep golden bronze.....	1.00
Beulah, Talisman bronze	2.00
Bronze Christmas Cheer	2.00
Bronze Peggy Schumann, early.....	2.00
Gilbert's Bronze Beauty, good color.....	1.50
Glorious, deep reddish copper.....	1.50
Earlier Glorious, very true and uniform.....	1.50
Lady Dorothy, copper red	3.00
Salmon Gold, softer than Glorious	1.50
Talisman, all double bronze, early.....	2.00

WHITE

Feist's White	2.00
Gilbert's White, new, good white.....	2.00
Junglewood White, dazzling white, mid-winter	2.00
Koester's White, slightly ruffled, early.....	1.50
Lucky Strike Improved, early white.....	1.50
Margaret, ivory white, good producer.....	2.00
Rockwood Early White, early & good grower	2.00
Schaffroth's White	2.00
Schlegel's White, pure white	1.50
Westover's Early Fringed White, good strain	1.50
White Marion, large strong clear white.....	1.50
White Wonder	1.50
Yuletide, pure paper white,, early.....	2.00

SWEET PEAS

EARLY OR WINTER FLOWERING

Information for Greenhouse Crops of Early Flowering Sweet Peas

If Sown:	Will Flower
July.....	October to January
August.....	December to February
September.....	February to April
November.....	March to May
December.....	April to June

PINK:

Apollo, light salmon cerise.
 American Beauty, American Beauty rose.
 Attraction, long stemmed salmon rose.
 Ball Rose Improved, cerise pink.
 Ball Salmon, coral pink.
 Boon, deep coral pink.
 Cavalcade, rich golden cerise.
 Hiawatha, large flowered rose self.
 Jeanne Mamitsch, rich pink.
 Josie, excellent producer.
 Laddie Improved, long stemmed rose-pink.
 Majestic Rose, deep brilliant rose-pink.
 Sequoia, golden cerise.
 Titania, brighter than Josie.

BLUE:

Ball Blue Supreme.
 Blue Bonnet, good clear blue.
 Florist Blue, large blue.
 Mrs. Herbert Hoover, clear blue.
 Princess Blue, light blue.
 Tahoe, good dark blue for spring.
 Zvolanek, navy blue.

LAVENDER:

Harmony, clear lavender.
 Michigan, large lavender.
 Triumph, long stemmed.
 Twilight, large blooms, long stems.

RED:

Grenadier, dazzling scarlet.
 Pride, deep even cerise.
 Red Bird, good scarlet.
 Sparks, brilliant orange scarlet.

WHITE:

Ball White, large white.
 Burpee White, mammoth flowered.
 Groff White Beauty, long stems.
 Hope Improved, black seeded.
 Snow Queen, pure white.
 White Harmony, black seeded.

ORANGE:

Ball Orange Improved, deep orange.
 Fiesta, brilliant orange cerise.
 Treasure Island, sparkling shades of orange.
 Valencia, sunproof orange.

Varieties not listed can be supplied—on request.

Prices: $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 30c; 1 oz.—50c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.—\$1.50; 1 lb.—\$5.50

SPRING FLOWERING SWEET PEAS: (for Greenhouse Culture)

White, black seeded	Light Blue
Blue	Clear Pink
Lavender	Rose Pink
1 oz.—60c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.—\$2.00; 1 lb.—\$6.50	

LATE OR SUMMER FLOWERING SWEET PEAS

White	Orange
Pink	Red
Lavender	Blue
1 oz.—25c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.—90c; 1 lb.—\$2.75	

Sweet Peas (*continued*)**SPRING FLOWERING**

(Cuthbertson)

Seed should be sown November 1st, to bloom April.

Carol, clear pink.
Coline, sunproof scarlet.
Danny, navy blue.
David, bright crimson
Evelyn, salmon cream pink
Frank G., strong lavender.
Hazel, light blue
Janet, large black-seeded white.
Jessie, wavy satin mauve
Katie, rose cream pink.
Lois, rose pink.
Marion, extra long stemmed cream pink
Tommy, clear medium blue.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.—35c; 1 oz.—65c; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.—\$1.75

BULBS

**American Grown and Imported
for
Fall and Spring Planting**

Narcissus
Iris
Tulips
Hyacinths
Crocus

Gladiolus
Lillies
Freesias
Tuberous Begonias
Gloxinias

CARNATIONS

We can supply your needs in Rooted Carnation Cuttings for the 1948-1949 Season; also clean well branched Field Grown Stock July and later.

Note: Write for prices and further information on Bulbs and Carnations.

MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS

AGERATUM

- Blue Ball Improved, dwarf and compact.
Tr. pkt. 35c; 1/4 oz. \$1.25; 1 oz. \$4.00
Blue Cap, rich blue, very compact.
Tr. pkt. 30c; 1/4 oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.50
Blue Perfection, dark blue.
Tr. pkt. 20c; 1/4 oz. 50c; 1 oz. \$1.50
Midget Blue, very dwarf, delicate foliage.
Tr. pkt. 40c; 1/4 oz. \$1.75; 1 oz. \$5.50

ALYSSUM

- Bouquet (Carpet of Snow), good dwarf variety.
Tr. pkt. 15c; 1/4 oz. 75c; 1 oz. \$2.25
Snow Cloth, plants are flat and a mass of flowers.
Tr. pkt. 25c; 1/4 oz. 75c; 1 oz. \$2.25
Violet Queen, dwarf compact, rich shade of violet.
Tr. pkt. 25c; 1/4 oz. \$1.25; 1 oz. \$4.25

BEGONIA

- Christmas Cheer, medium dwarf, crimson scarlet.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$2.00; 1/32 oz. \$3.50
Ile de France, large pure white, light green foliage.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$2.00; 1/32 oz. \$3.50
Indian Maid, deep bronze, shiny leaf, red flowers.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$2.50; 1/32 oz. \$4.50
King of Reds, red flowers, green foliage, dwarf.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$2.50; 1/32 oz. \$4.50
Luminosa, red
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$3.00; 1/32 oz. \$5.50
Luminosa Compacta, dwarf red.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$3.00; 1/32 oz. \$5.50
Salmon Queen, large flowering salmon.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$2.25; 1/32 oz. \$4.00
White Pearl, pure white, dwarf light green foliage.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$2.75; 1/32 oz. \$5.00

CALCEOLARIAS

- Gilbert's Strains:
Multiflora Nana, red Multiflora, yellow
Multiflora Nana, mixed
Trade Packets, \$1.00 each
Regular Strain:
Multiflora Nana, mixed
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$4.25; 1/32 oz. \$8.00
Miscellaneous Strain:
Dwarf Tigred and Spotted
Trade Packets \$1.00 each

CALENDULA

- Ball Gold, long stemmed, large deep golden yellow.
Ball Lemon Queen, deep lemon yellow, brown eye, popular.
Ball Masterpiece, long stemmed, orange flower, dark center.
Ball Long Orange Improved, bright orange, light eye, long stem.
Sensation (Campfire Improved), brilliant orange with scarlet sheen.
Tr. pkt. 40c; 1/4 oz. 60c; 1 oz. \$2.00; 1/4 lb. \$6.50

CANDYTUFT

- Giant Hyacinth Flowered White, superior strain growing 1 1/2 feet high, excellent strain.
Tr. pkt. 15c; 1 oz. 80c; 1/4 lb. \$2.75; 1 lb. \$8.50

CENTAUREA CYANUS (Cornflower)

- Blue Boy, excellent for cutting.
Red Boy, deep red.
Pinkie, deep pink.
White
Tr. pkt. 15c; 1 oz. 45c; 1/4 lb. \$1.50; 1 lb. \$5.00

CINERARIA

- Berlin Market, mixed colors, full bouquets of medium sized flowers.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/64 oz. \$1.75; 1/32 oz. \$3.00
Cremer Improved Prize Strain (originator packets), small foliage, tremendous heads of flowers in bright colors.
Tr. pkt. \$1.50; 1/64 oz. \$2.25; 1/32 oz. \$4.00
Siter Rainbow Strain (originator packets), large range of colors in finer pastel shades.
Trade packets \$2.00 each.
Multiflora Nana Mixture, small flowers, very dwarf.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/32 oz. \$3.00
Multiflora Nana, gold center.
Trade packet \$1.00 each

CYCLAMEN (Imported Strain)

	Per 100	Per 1000
Baardse Wonder, salmon with white border	\$2.20	\$18.00
Carmine Salmoneum, fiery salmon....	2.20	18.00
Perle of Zehlendorf, dark salmon....	2.00	17.00
Pure White	1.75	16.00
Rose of Marienthal, soft rose with carmine eye	1.75	16.00
Rose of Zehlendorf, light salmon.....	2.10	18.00
Bonfire, bright salmon scarlet.....	2.20	18.00
Rose of Aalsmeer, pure rose.....	1.75	16.00
(250 seeds of a variety @ 1000 rate).		

DELPHINIUM

- Giant Pacific Hybrids:
Blue Bird, clear medium blue, white bee.
Cameliard, pure lavender self, white bee.
Galahad, enormous clear white, white bee.
Guinevere, light pink lavender self, white bee.
King Arthur, brilliant royal violet, large white bee.
Summer Skies Series, clearest light blue, white bee.
Tr. pkt. \$1.25; 1/8 oz. \$2.50; 1/4 oz. \$4.00;
1 oz. \$14.00
Finest Mixture, well balanced mixture of Pacific Giants.
Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/8 oz. \$2.00; 1/4 oz. \$3.50
1 oz. \$12.00
Miscellaneous Types:
Blackmore & Langdon Hybrids, good strain.
Tr. pkt. 50c; 1/4 oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.00

Miscellaneous Seeds (*continued*)

DELPHINIUM (Continued)

Belladonna Improved (Cliveden Beauty), turquoise blue.

Tr. pkt. 35c; 1/4 oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.00

Bellamosum Improved, large deep blue.

Tr. pkt. 35c; 1/4 oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.00

Lamartine, deep bright marine blue, good cut flower habit.

Tr. pkt. 50c; 1/4 oz. \$1.50; 1 oz. \$4.75

DAHLIAS

Unwin Dwarf Hybrid Ideal Bedding Mixture, early flowering semi-double, 18 in., a wide range of colors.

Tr. pkt. 50c; 1 oz. \$2.50

DIDISCUS

Coerulea, (blue laceflower).

Tr. pkt. 25c; 1 oz. \$1.00

GYPSOPHILA (Baby's Breath) Annual

Covent Garden Strain, pure white.

1 oz. 25c; 1/4 lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.25

London Market Improved, taller and later than Covent.

1 oz. 25c; 1/4 lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.25

KALANCHOE

Tom Thumb, ideal for pot plants.

Tr. pkt. \$1.50; 1/64 oz. \$5.00; 1/32 oz. \$9.00

LARKSPUR

(Giant Imperial or Base-Branching)

Blue Bell, clear mid-blue.

Brilliant Rose (New), deep salmon rose, with brilliant carmine.

Dazzler, rich scarlet.

Gloria Improved, deep salmon rose.

Lilac King, rich lilac, full double.

Miss California, deep rose on salmon.

Pink King, soft shade of salmon rose.

Sweet Lavender, lavender color.

White King, best white.

Finest Mixed, named varieties.

Tr. pkt. 25c; 1 oz. \$1.10; 4 oz. \$3.60;

1 lb. \$11.00

PANSIES

Englemann's Giant Mixture (originator seed), dark and light shades, huge flowers compact and early flowering. Write for price.

Roggli Swiss Giant Improved Mixed

Tr. pkt. 75c; 1/8 oz. \$1.25; 1/4 oz. \$2.25
1 oz. \$8.00

Maple Leaf Giants, large flowering strain.

Tr. pkt. 75c; 1/8 oz. \$1.25; 1/4 oz. \$2.25;
1 oz. \$8.00

Greenhouse Winter Pansy, tall long-stemmed, giant flowers.

Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/16 oz. \$2.00; 1/8 oz. \$3.50

PHLOX

Groff's Special Dwarf Mixture, (limited supply).

We think our strain is one of the best. Write for price.

PRIMULA OBCONICA

Fasbender's Red, deep crimson red.

Mohnstein's Atrosanguinea, dark blood red.

Mueller's Berlin Rose, soft medium rose.

White

Tr. pkt. \$1.25; 1/64 oz. \$2.25; 1/32 oz. \$4.25

STOCK

NON BRANCHING

Apricot, large flowered creamy buff.

Dark Blue

Gardenia, shimmering white

Ball White No. 16

Rose Pink, clear rose pink.

Ruby, crimson red.

Silver Lilac, lilac lavender.

Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/4 oz. \$2.50; 1 oz. \$9.00

Royal Purple

Tr. pkt. \$1.25; 1/4 oz. \$3.00; 1 oz. \$10.00

Yellow Wonder, rich creamy yellow.

Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1/4 oz. \$3.50; 1 oz. \$12.00

GIANTS OF CALIFORNIA—Branching

Pacific, blue.

Red Woods, blood red.

Yosemite, rose pink.

Tahoe, lavender.

Santa Maria, white.

Santa Barbara, chamois.

Tr. pkt. 35c; 1/4 oz. \$1.25; 1 oz. \$4.50

SUNDRIES

ELECTRA —Fertilizer—5-10-3	100 lbs.—	\$6.75
HORMODIN No. 1	1 lb. Tin—	3.00
ROOTONE —a plant Hormone powder for rooting cuttings	2 oz.—\$1.00; lb.—	5.00
WOODEN PLANT BANDS: —Packed 1000 to a carton. Sold in units of 1000.		

Sizes	Slotted Per 1000	Stapled Per 1000	Sizes	Slotted Per 1000	Stapled Per 1000
1 3/4 x 1 3/4 x 2 1/2	\$3.75	\$4.00	3 x 3 x 3	\$4.95	\$5.20
2 x 2 x 2 1/2	4.35	4.60	3 x 3 x 4	5.15	5.40
2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 3	4.65	4.90	4 x 4 x 4	5.60	5.85

VITA BANDS-40:—Packed 1000 to a case. Sold in units of 1000.

SIZES			PRICE	SIZES			PRICE
			PER 1000				PER 1000
1 3/4	x 1 3/4	x 2 1/2	\$4.25	2 1/2	x 2 1/2	x 3	\$5.20
2	x 2	x 2 1/2	4.70	3	x 3	x 3	6.30
2	x 2	x 3	5.05	3	x 3	x 4	7.35

● PRESERVATIVES ●

CUPRINOL GREEN—This wood preservative can be used to protect your frames, seed boxes, benches, flats and stakes1 gal. can—\$2.90; 5 gal. can @ \$2.80 per gal.; 50 gal. @ \$2.70 per gal.

CUPRINOL FOR DIPPING—.....5 gal. can—\$9.25; 50 gallon drum—\$87.50

FLORAWAX— 1 gal. can—\$2.50; 5 gallon drum—\$10.00

FLORALIFE "B": Floralife insures more life and beauty for your cut flowers — no need to change water or to re-cut stems.

250 quart (10 lbs.) drum.....	\$4.00	1000 quart (40 lbs.) drum.....	\$13.50
500 quart (20 lbs.) drum.....	7.50	2000 quart (80 lbs.) drum.....	25.00

Floralife Packets with your own 3 line imprint.

500 imprinted packets—2 qt. size—factory filled \$25.00

1000 imprinted packets—2 qt. size—factory filled	40.00
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Unfilled, imprinted envelopes for hand-filling \$10.00 per 1000.

FUMIGANTS, INSECTICIDES, Etc., for Florists

FULEX—Liquid Fulex 400 **\$12.00 gallon**

Note: We carry complete equipment for using Fulex.

DEENATE 50-W-DuPont DDT Wettable Powder.....4 lbs.—\$3.20; 25 lbs.—\$18.75

5% D.D.T. for dusting 5 lb. cans—\$1.25

DOW'S "MIKE" SULPHUR DUST..... 10 lb. bag—\$1.50; Case of 6-10 lb. bags—\$8.00

DOWSPRAY 17—To control Red Spider, Mite and Thrip

1 lb. cans—\$3.00; case of 8 1-lb. cans—\$20.25

D. N. SULPHUR DUST No. 10—Effective as a dust for Red Spider, Thrip and Rust on Carnations 10 lbs.—\$3.50; 50 lbs.—\$12.50

LORO—The Du Pont general spraying insecticide1 gallon—\$11.25

FERMATE—Excellent organic fungicide.

3 lbs.—\$2.70; 25 lbs.—\$18.75; 50 lbs.—\$37.50; 100 lbs.—\$75.00

ZERLATE—Best organic fungicide for Carnations 3 lbs.—\$2.70

NNOR—Good spray for Red Spider, etc..... 1 gallon—\$10.00

OPTOX—Effective insecticide 1 gallon 10% DDT—\$12.00

SODIUM SELENATE P-40—Contains 2 % sodium selenate impregnated on 20 % superphosphate.

25 lbs.— \$4.25	100 lbs.— \$15.00	1000 lbs.—\$130.00
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50 lbs.—	8.00	500 lbs.—	70.00	2000 lbs.—	250.00
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DU PONT SPREADER STICKER—Combined spreader and sticker

1 gallon—\$6.15

5 gallons—\$29.50

BENZO-FUME PRESSURE FUMIGATORS—

1 case (12 1/2-lb. cans)—\$3.20; 1 case (12 1-lb. cans)—\$5.50

HYPOZENE 70 5 lbs.—\$11.00; 10 lbs.—\$20.00

NICO-FUME LIQUID1 gal. (8 lbs.)—\$12.55, 5 gal. (40 lbs.)—\$54.40

NICO-FUME PRESSURE FUMIGATORS—

1 case (12 1/2-lb. cans)—\$4.80; 1 case (12 1-lb. cans)—\$8.35

TO-NA-CIDE—Patent No. 1941055

5 lbs.—\$1.25; 25 lbs.—\$5.00; 50 lbs.—\$9.00; 100 lbs.—\$16.00

With 2% DDT:

25 lbs.—\$5.50; 50 lbs.—\$9.50; 100 lbs.—\$17.50

VAPOTONE—The new Red Spider spray of Hexaethyl Tetra-Phosphate.

1½ gallon—\$7.90; 1 gallon—\$12.00